

Executed in 7 counterparts of
which this is counterpart no. 7.

ASSIGNMENT from SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY ("Southern") to
INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMPANY (the "Assignee"); RECORDATION NO. 6185-D Filed & Recorded
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W I T N E S S E T H: THAT INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, as Trustee
(the "Trustee"), and Southern entered into an Equipment Trust Agree-
ment dated as of July 1, 1971, constituting Southern Railway Equipment
Trust No. 4 of 1971 (the "Agreement"), concerning the acquisition of
railroad equipment therein described (the "Equipment") and the
issuance and sale of Equipment Trust Certificates (the "Certificates")
for the purpose of financing approximately 80% of the cost of the
Equipment; the principal of and interest on the Certificates, together
with cash sufficient to pay the remainder of the cost of the Equipment,
and all expenses in connection therewith, to be paid from rentals
provided for in the Agreement; and whereby the Equipment was leased to
the Company as that term is defined in the Agreement for a term
beginning June 15, 1971, and ending July 1, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Southern by application to the Interstate Commerce
Commission (the "Commission"), sought and obtained an Order of the
Commission dated July 1, 1971, authorizing the assumption of
obligation and liability in respect of not exceeding \$9,975,000
principal amount of the Certificates pursuant to the terms of the
Agreement by endorsing on each of the Certificates its unconditional
guaranty of the prompt payment, when due, of the principal thereof

and the dividends thereon, all for the purpose of obtaining for itself, its successors and assigns, the possession and use of and ultimately the title to the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Assignee, an "Affiliate" of Southern as that term is defined in the Agreement, desires to acquire from Southern, and Southern is willing to assign to the Assignee, all of the right, title and interest of Southern in and to the Agreement insofar as they relate to the portion of the Equipment hereinafter described, but no further and without releasing Southern from any of its obligations thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Assignee by joining in the aforesaid application of Southern to the Commission sought and obtained authorization in the aforesaid Order of the Commission to assume obligation and liability in respect of not exceeding \$449,000 principal amount of the Certificates insofar as they relate to that portion of the Equipment hereinafter described, having a total estimated cost of \$ 563,500 ; such assumption to be on the terms stated in said Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed:

(1) In consideration of the covenants of the Assignee in Paragraph (2) hereof, Southern hereby assigns and transfers to the Assignee, its successors and assigns, all of the right, title and interest of Southern in and to the Agreement, and all rights and benefits thereunder, insofar as they relate to the following described railroad equipment (the "Assigned Equipment") which is a portion of the Equipment:

<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Description of Equipment</u>	<u>Road Numbers (both inclusive)</u>
35	100-ton 3600 cu. ft. Open Top Hopper Cars	77740 to 77774

but no further; the rights and benefits of Southern assigned and transferred to the Assignee hereby shall include, but not by way of limitation, the right to the possession and use of and ultimately obtaining the title to the Assigned Equipment, and Southern hereby covenants and agrees that it will do and perform such further acts as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this Assignment; provided, however, that this Assignment is subject to the Agreement and shall in no way modify or release the obligations of Southern thereunder, and provided further that the Assignee shall not acquire by this Assignment any right, title or interest in the Agreement with respect to any of the Equipment constructed and acquired by the Trustee thereunder except the Assigned Equipment.

(2) The Assignee hereby accepts said transfer and assignment and assumes and hereby agrees to perform all of the covenants and obligations of Southern under the Agreement insofar as they relate to the Assigned Equipment, in accordance with the provisions thereof.

(3) Nothing in this Assignment contained shall relieve Southern of any of its obligations under the Agreement.

(4) The obligations and liabilities assumed by the Assignee hereunder, insofar as they relate to the Certificates, pursuant to said Order of the Commission shall not exceed the sum of \$ 449,000.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this instrument the obligation and liability assumed by the Assignee hereby shall be enforceable only by Southern and such obligation and liability shall not be enforceable by the Trustee under the Agreement or by the holders of any of the Certificates.

(6) This Assignment shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

(7) This Assignment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Assignment to be executed and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, as of this 2nd day of July, 1971.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY,
By

K. A. Starcher
.....
Vice President.

L. S.
ATTEST:

Malcolm D. Edwards
.....
Assistant Secretary.

INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMPANY,
By

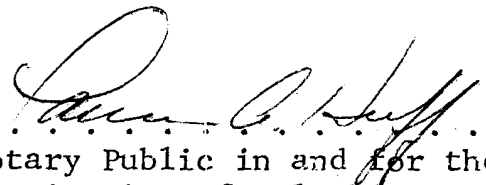
H. H. Hall
.....
Vice President.

L. S.
ATTEST:

Malcolm D. Edwards
.....
Assistant Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

On this 26th day of July, 1971, before me personally appeared K. A. Stoecker and H. H. Hall, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, says that they are Vice Presidents of Southern Railway Company and Interstate Railroad Company, respectively, that one of the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of each of said corporations, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of each of said corporations by authority of their respective Boards of Directors and they acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporations.


Notary Public in and for the
District of Columbia.

My commission will expire on June 30, 1972.